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SUBJECT: FRG-GDR RELATIONS: NO MOVEMENT IN BAHR-KOHL
MEETING, AUGUST 23

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1. FRG CHANCELLERY AND FONOFF REPS HAVE GIVEN US A PRELIMINARY RUNDOWN OF THE BAHR-KOHL MEETING OF AUGUST 23 IN EAST BERLIN, WHICH LASTED FOUR AND ONE-HALF HOURS. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE PRIMARY TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WAS THE MATTER OF THE PERMANENT MISSIONS. KOHL REPORTEDLY TOOK A HARD LINE, INSISTING THAT THE FRG MISSION BE ACCREDITED TO THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY. BAHR OPPOSED THIS LINE, ARGUING THAT THE MISSIONS WERE NOT NORMAL DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS, AND THUS TOOK THE POSITION THAT JUST AS THE GDR MISSION WOULD BE ACCREDITED TO THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY, SO THE FRG MISSION SHOULD BE ACCREDITED TO THE COMPARABLE INSTITUTION IN EAST BERLIN. KOHL REFUSED TO CONSIDER THIS IDEA.

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2. BECAUSE OF THIS BASIC DIFFERENCE, KOHL ALSO REFUSED TO DISCUSS OTHER MODALITIES AND MATTERS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MISSIONS APART, APPARENTLY, FROM INDICATING WHERE THE FRG MISSION COULD BE LOCATED IN EAST BERLIN. KOHL ARGUED THAT THE OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE MISSIONS WERE NOT IMPORTANT AND COULD BE WORKED OUT QUICKLY ONCE THE QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE WAS RESOLVED.

3. KOHL ALSO REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED AT SOME LENGTH AND WITH SOME BITTERNESS THE RECENT FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL COURT DECISION ON THE BASIC RELATIONS TREATY BETWEEN THE FRG AND GDR.

4. OUR SOURCES SAID THAT KOHL SHOWED NO INCLINATION TO MOVE AHEAD AT ALL QUICKLY ON THE MISSIONS' QUESTION OR ON ANY OTHER MATTERS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES. HE EVEN PROPOSED THAT THE NEXT MEETING TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER. ONLY WHEN BAHR POINTED OUT THE POOR IMPACT THIS WOULD HAVE PUBLICLY DID KOHL AGREE RELUCTANTLY TO A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13.

5. COMMENT: OUR CONTACTS CONSIDER THAT KOHL IS SIMPLY REFLECTING THE GDR READINESS TO PUT A CERTAIN DISTANCE BETWEEN THE UN ENTRY OF THE TWO GERMANY'S AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT MISSIONS IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE LINKAGE THAT THE FRG SO LONG INSISTED ON. ONE CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT THE HARD GDR LINE WAS EXPECTED (SEE REF B) AND THAT THE PRESENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPROACH WAS TO TREAT THE PROBLEMS COOLLY AND NOT TO PUSH HARD ITSELF FOR ANY PRECIPITATE MOVEMENT.

6. WE MAY BE ABLE TO FILL OUT THIS PRELIMINARY REPORT AFTER THE ALLIED AMBASSADORS' MEETING WITH BAHR, NOW SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 28.
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